ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A turbine blade includes an airfoil having pressure and suction sidewalls extending between leading and trailing edges, and from root to tip. A dovetail is joined to the airfoil root at a platform. Three internal cooling circuits extend in span inside the airfoil, and each circuit includes a respective inlet channel commencing in axially adjacent alignment in the dovetail. The inlet channels twist together from the dovetail, through the platform, and into the airfoil behind the leading edge in transverse adjacent alignment across the sidewalls.